

These photographs were made on the first moon visit by Apollo XI, and are used here to illustrate the fact that the world, the United States, and Southern Baptists have entered the "Space Age." Photo from NASA

Graham Cites Responsibility Of Southern Baptists In 70's

(Editor's Note: The following message was delivered by Dr. Billy Graham before the SBC Promotion Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 8.)

I don't need to remind this audience of church leaders today that we are living in and through a revolution, and this revolution, in my judgement, is going to reach its climax during the 70's. We stand on the threshold of the 70's at this moment. In every direction we look many of our intellectual leaders are pessimistic. Dr. Mooneyham of the President's staff made a speech the other day in Brussels to NATO, and he said an interesting thing. He said, "Unless we solve the ecological problem, the problem of pollution, we only have a fifty-fifty chance of reaching 1980." That's how serious it is.

There is an economic crisis. We listened on the Today show this morning to some of our top economists who are predicting the possibility of another depression, high unemployment.

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Executive Secretary Gives Insights Into Shaping Of The 70's

By W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS
(Delivered at Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, Nov. 11, 1969)

The dimming dusk of the Sixties speaks in limpid whispers of failure and frustration, mixed with tremendous achievement and significant success. No generation has ever lived a ten year period more dramatically than you and I have lived in the decade of the sixties. Some of us can recall the Trembling Teens, the Teachable Twenties, the Tireless Thirties, the Fiery Forties, the Fearless Fifties, but we will never forget the Serious Sixties. Within about seven weeks this decade will be history, and a new era will be upon us.

As we evaluate our position and responsibility, we wonder about many things in the decade now closing. We wonder about our achievements and our failures; we wonder... increasingly wonder... about the possibility of the Seventies. During the last six months almost every newspaper, magazine, trade journal, or religious periodical has sought to interpret the coming decade. Historians, educators, sociologists, moralists, philosophers, politicians, economists, theologians, editors, religionists, newscasters, commentators and preachers have used the printed page, the air waves, the classroom, the platform and the pulpit to predict the Seventies and much of what they have said or written is... to say the least... very pessimistic.

The more careful of the surveyors of the future do not give evidence of a dire pessimism but are... none the less... cautious in their appraisals. The wide divergence of their viewpoints probably accounts for the vast spread in their predictions. Some foresee in the Seventies a definite recession in business; others fear a severe depression. Others look to the coming decade as the time when unparalleled prosperity will aggravate inflation and put more money (even though it be worth less) in the possession of more and more people. Most agree that the cost of money... simple interest... will continue to be high and that the costs of financing anything, from business equipment to new church buildings, will scarcely diminish.

Militarily, there is confusion everywhere. Even the wisest in our nation seems unable to predict a solution to our international problems and, thus far, our nation's ablest leaders have not been able to achieve a solution to the conflict in Viet Nam that will be honorable and just.

No one will predict the outcome of our military commitments. The problems involved go far beyond popular slogans and organized demonstrations. Most of us, like Christians throughout the nation, continue to pray for a just and honorable peace!

Politically there are conflicting views. There are some who believe there will come about in America a great third party—a party of conservatives who believe in work, industry, thrift, and the spiritual values of life. Others do not see the rise of a third party, but see the continuation of our two present parties, the platforms and principles of each becoming more and more alike. We are concerned about the political picture because we are concerned about the size and power of government. As our days grow more complex it grows more and more apparent that most of our complex problems—civic, social, educational, institutional, moral, and religious—are increasingly related to government—municipal, state or federal.

Educationally no one appears to have answers to many questions. The large University, our State Schools and Colleges, Senior and Junior, all beset with problems that did not exist even five years ago. The Denominational School is in a more desperate plight. It realizes it cannot compete with tax-supported institutions and is in an even more critical position than most realize. Even to maintain our present efforts in Christian education causes such institutions to face up to the stark reality that greatly increased

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SBC Enters Space Age-The 70's

By The Editor

The 1970's, the Space Decade, will see man accelerating the amazing steps in space exploration which he started in the 1960's. In the decade just ended he opened the door to the vistas around him; in the 70's he will move through that door outward and onward in a manner not even yet dreamed of by the average person. Today, the Moon, and in the 70's, or soon thereafter, Mars and beyond!

In this "Space Age" amazing things also are happening on the earth. The computer and other scientific instruments are opening complete new Spheres of knowledge. We do not doubt when we are told that man's knowledge has advanced more in the sixties than in all previous decades of man's history put together. We live in a world scientifically, socially, geographically, educationally, morally and in almost every other way.

What place does the church have in such a world? Even Christianity is experiencing great changes. This is the day of ecumenism and of apostasy, but also of Christian advance. Many still call themselves Christians, but deny the Bible and basic Christian truth, bringing a time of religious compromise and confusion, but others sound a clearer trumpet for Christ than ever before.

Southern Baptists diligently have been seeking God's place for them in such a day. Many believe that they, as the largest evangelical denomination in America, have an unique opportunity and a grave responsibility for spiritual leadership in this decade, and that they may be just about the last hope to halt America in the moral and spiritual decline which is so evident everywhere.

These Southern Baptists have been making plans which they hope will help the convention "shape the 70's" rather than be "shaped by the 70's." Hundreds of persons have spent thousands of hours in study, discussion and conference. From this planning new programs have been developed, new techniques have been adopted, and new literature is being prepared.

Now the 70's emphasis is ready to be released to the churches. This is being done during the year ending on September 31, 1970, with the new program to be launched October 1, 1970.

In these first months of the new year, state conferences and associational clinics are being held to acquaint leaders with the plans, and to aid them in preparing the churches for the new programs.

The Mississippi Coordinating Committee for the new program has been comprised of Bryant Cummings, Chairman, Edwina Robinson, Dan C. Hall, Kermit S. King, Elmer Howell and Foy Rogers.

This committee has released the following report concerning the plans: The Purpose of the Shaping the 70's Promotion Plan

A deep conviction on the part of denominational leadership that said, "The shape of the 70's need not be the shape of the 60's if the church performs her mission NOW!" motivated the greatest grass roots study we have ever done. Forty study groups composed of fifteen people each made up the teams that were assigned the task of conducting studies to outline the basic areas of work for the church.

Purpose.—To discover and accept during the 70's better personal understandings of the gospel and apply

these insights creatively in shaping every area of life in our revolutionary world.

Scope.—Three aspects will characterize the scope of the 70 Onward

- Emphasis:
1. Openness of the individual to God's leading into new responses to modern man.
 2. Mobility of organization structures in responding to the realities of emerging situations.
 3. Flexibility of methods to meet

the challenges of a revolutionary world.

Emphasis Span. — The 70 Onward Emphasis began October 1, 1969, and continues through September 30, 1979. This period will be divided into two phases — one of four years and one of six years.

Central theme. — The central theme for the entire decade will express the idea of shaping the 70's through living

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State Shaping 70's Conference Ready

By Bryant Cummings, State Coordinator

Our state Shaping the 70's Conference will be held on January 26-27, 1970 at the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Each Association in our state has been invited to send an Association team to the state conference consisting of nine representatives.

The team will consist of the following representatives: (1) Superintendent of Missions or Moderator (2) 70's Opportunities Representative (Moderator or some other leader) (3) Church Administration Representative (4) Sunday School Representative (5) Training Union Representative (6) Woman's Missionary Union Representative (7) Brotherhood Representative (8) Church Music Representative (9) Church Library Representative (this person will attend conference on the selection and ordering of next literature). These nine team members will receive lodging and meals while in Jackson for this training meeting plus a supplemental travel allowance. The Sunday School Board is making these reimbursement funds available.

The Southern Baptist Convention is sending a fifteen member team to Jackson to lead conferences. (7 1/2

hours) and provide guidance in the state conference. (See listing of SBC team in box).

Program Agenda

Mississippi Shaping the 70's Conference, First Baptist Church, Jackson, January 26-27, 1970

Monday, January 26

10:00 Registration (to continue until 1:00 p.m.)

1:00 Worship—Dan Hall

1:15 Our Work Together—Charles Treadway

1:30 The Church Shaping the 70's Preparation Period — Gerald Armstrong

2:00 The Association Shaping the 70's Clinics—James Chatham

2:30 Break—Move to Conferences

3:00 Conferences

5:00 Adjourn

7:00 Song and Prayer—Dan C. Hall

7:05 "Looking at the 70's" (Visual)—James Rose

7:25 "Opportunities and Challenges of the 70's"—W. D. Hudgins

7:50 Conferences

9:20 Adjourn

Tuesday, January 27

8:30 Conferences

10:00 Break

10:30 Conferences

11:30 Adjourn for Lunch

1:30 Conferences

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Graham Shares Baptist Concerns

EVANGELIST Billy Graham, speaking to a Cooperative Program luncheon in Nashville, tells a crowd of 800 Baptist leaders that the Southern Baptist Convention has something unique to offer to the world and society. Graham said that the Southern Baptist Coopera-

tive Program is "concern for people" and that it is the most effective plan ever devised by a denomination to support a total missions program.—(BP) Photo by Rob Jackson.

Baptist Camille Response Voted Top '69 SBC Story

NASHVILLE (BP)—The devastation wrought by Hurricane Camille, and Baptist response to it, was voted the most newsworthy and significant story of 1969 by the editors of nearly 30 Baptist state weekly newspapers.

The editors picked the ten most newsworthy Baptist stories of the year in balloting conducted by Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention in offices here.

Here is the way the Baptist editors ranked news concerning the denomination in 1969:

1. Hurricane Camille damage to Baptist property estimated at \$24 million; Baptists respond to the tragedy in Mississippi and Virginia. (171 votes)

2. Herbert Caudill, David Fite, Southern Baptist missionaries, released from Cuban prisons and return to the United States. (163 votes)

3. Southern Baptist Convention messengers in New Orleans find "Quest" unsuitable as the name for Training Union, the Sunday evening training program in Baptist churches. (152 votes)

4. (Tie) Association of Baptist professors of religion deplore publicity on book by SBC President W. A. Criswell on "Why I Preach that the

Bible Is Literally True." Reaction generally supports Criswell, opposes professors. (115 votes)

5. SBC in New Orleans adopts motion asking its agencies to carry out work consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message Statement instead of a motion asking writers, and professors to sign doctrinal pledges; many state conventions reaffirm the Faith and Message Statement (111 votes)

6. Baptist state conventions face problems of financing Baptist schools; Virginia Baptists defeat phase-out of school support; Georgia hears Mercer's reasons for seeking federal grants and authorizes study of problem; Florida keeps Stetson University in budget by five votes; Texas rejects federal loans for schools; Louisiana, Arizona vote to sell hospitals, etc. (103 votes)

7. The Crusade of the Americas (hemisphere-wide Baptist evangelistic effort) reaches climax; leaders say results immeasurable. (83 votes)

8. (Tie) Debate in the SBC on relationship between evangelism, social action subsidies; Criswell urges SBC in New Orleans to maintain balance between both. (66 votes)

9. (Tie) Financial crisis solutions sought by Kansas Baptists; five-man management board named; fund campaign to raise \$1½ million begun. (66 votes)

10. Vietnam war continues to concern Southern Baptists. Baptist college, seminary students both support and ignore moratorium; several Baptist participate in march on Washington; Criswell blasts moratorium partici-

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Downward Statistical Trends

SBC Leaders Express Hope, Optimism

By James Evans McReynolds
James Evans McReynolds, is an information specialist, office of public relations, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

NASHVILLE (BP) — Reactions to the projected 1969 statistics prepared by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board reflected some disappointment in the ministries of churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Some SBC program leaders, however, reflected hope for a brighter future in the midst of annual downward trends in the areas of evangelism, Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union.

The projected SBC statistics estimate revealed that Southern Baptist churches baptized 4,737 less persons in 1969 than in 1968.

"There is no simple explanation," said Ken Chafin, recently appointed secretary of evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"First, we have tried to reap too long where we have not planted and cultivated. This statistic suggests the need to break new ground and to prepare soil for harvest.

"Second, we have failed to involve all of our churches in meaningful evangelism. It's at the congregational level that we do evangelism or fail to do it. A denominational evangelism program is worth nothing until it helps one congregation win people where it is.

"Third, this statistic dramatically points up how we have failed to harness the church's greatest resource, the laity. Any approach in the future that does not equip men and women and youth to do evangelism will fail. This does not mean that evangelism is dead, but it does mean that we must turn to the larger resources of our denomination to do evangelism," Chafin pointed out.

The relationship between baptisms and Sunday School enrollment was pointed out by A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"The continual downward trend in Sunday School enrollment has a most urgent message for Southern Baptists," Washburn declared.

"There is a definite relationship between Sunday School enrollment and baptisms. When our churches turn the corner on reaching more people for Bible study, we will win more people to Christ.

"The new Sunday School program and curriculum materials for the 1960's will provide our churches a great opportunity for effective outreach," Washburn said.

Sunday School enrollment was estimated to be down nearly two percent, or an estimated 140,347 less persons enrolled in Bible study in 1969 than were enrolled in 1968.

Philip B. Harris, secretary of the church training department, Sunday School Board, expressed an optimistic expectancy for new life in Training Union.

"Some loss is to be expected in an era of change and transition in society and in our churches," Harris pointed out.

"But I have an optimistic outlook about growth in the immediate future. "Because of our new improved program, structures and curriculum materials, training will be expanded beyond all concepts of Training Union, Harris said. "Training will now permeate the entire life of the church."

Recommended

Student Program Is Called BSSB Task

NASHVILLE (BP)—After a two-year study, the Southern Baptist student work study committee voted here to recommend that the national SBC student work program continue to be the responsibility of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, but with structural and relationship changes.

The recommendation will be considered first by the program subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee, and if it approves, by the 58-member Executive Committee. The full committee would have to make any recommendation to the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver next June.

Details of the results of the two-year study, and the recommendations coming from it, were released by Lamar Jackson, chairman of the 39-member study committee and pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Copies of the recommendations, plus some background material, were mailed to each of the members of the Executive Committee, plus other top SBC officials involved in student work programs.

The recommendations were formulated by the committee after a study that included more than 1,000 depth interviews with students, Baptist workers and students, state and national student leaders, and state convention leaders. It also included a

four-day national consultation on student work last May in Fort Worth attended by 300 persons.

Jackson said that an 80-page paperback book summarizing the findings of the study would be released sometime after the first of the year, and supplied to Executive Committee members and other interested parties.

During the final two-day session of the committee in Mid-December, committee members were split almost down the middle on whether to keep the national student work program assignment at the Sunday School Board, or recommend creation of a new and separate commission on student work.

Vote on the two major alternatives was 16 in favor of the Sunday School Board with structure and relationship changes, and 14 in favor of a new commission.

Three other alternatives were considered by the committee, but were eliminated when the committee reached the point of a final decision.

The three alternatives rejected were (1) moving the student work program to the SBC Home Mission Board, (2) creating an inter-board commission which would coordinate student work programs done by the various existing SBC agencies, and (3) moving the student work program to the SBC Education Commission.

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Foundation Reports Trust Corpus Tops \$11 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foundation meeting in annual session here reported that the total trust corpus held and managed by the service agency exceeded the \$11 million mark during 1969.

The trust corpus totaled \$11,020,708 at the end of the 1969 fiscal year, an increase of \$814,172 over the total trust corpus at the end of the 1968 fiscal year.

Although the amount of increase was not a record, the Foundation reported a record amount of cash and securities received for investment, and a record rate of return for 1969.

During the year, the foundation received \$1.8 million for investment, and earned an average rate of return for the general fund of 5.99 per cent, both record figures.

Kendall Berry, Executive secretary-treasurer of the foundation, told the directors that the trust corpus would have increased much more had it not been for trends in the stock market, and for deterioration of bond securities and common stock of a more volatile nature. He added that most of this "deterioration" was simply a paper loss.

"The year 1969 has been hectic for

all foundations," Berry said in his report. "Tight money and high taxes due to war and greater demands on welfare projects have been the villains in market places.

"Expenses of war continues to sap resources that could be used to better advantage should an honorable peace come soon," he added. "Many pray that such a solution may be found so that all mankind may live to better serve God and one another."

Even though 1969 has been hectic and the unit values of stocks and bonds have taken precipitous plunges, it is felt that renewed support of the economy of America and the entire world will soon carry stock averages to historical new highs," Berry said in his annual report.

In major action, the foundation elected Sturton Oman, Nashville business executive, as its new president, succeeding Walton Smoth of Clarksville, Tenn., who rotates off the board in June. Oman had been president of the board for numerous years previously, but had to be rotated off the board two years ago.

L. B. Stevens of Nashville was elected new vice president. New recording secretary elected was John O. Ellis of Nashville. Berry was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Christine M. Bess was re-elected administrative assistant.

The foundation members paid tribute to Mrs. Bess for completing 20 years on the staff of the foundation, and presented her a check in appreciation for her work.

The foundation is a service agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, investing reserves, endowments and trusts for all Southern Baptist agencies, and administering trusts and endowments on behalf of individual donors who wish to support Southern Baptist causes.

In his report, Berry cited several large bequests and wills benefiting Baptist causes, including an estate of more than \$180,000 of the late Miss Emma Nell Smith of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and a bequest of more than \$39,000 from the estate of Lydia and J. E. Conner of El Reno, Okla.

Brantley Will Retire In 1970 From SBC Post

NASHVILLE (BP)—Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Education Commission here for the past 10 years, has announced plans to retire effective Sept. 1, 1970, his 11th anniversary as the secretary.

As the top executive for the SBC Education Commission, Brantley has coordinated services provided for 73 Baptist colleges, universities, seminaries, academies, and Bible schools throughout the nation. The commission has no operating control over any of them, however.

The chairman of the elected 17-member commission, Ben C. Fisher of Raleigh, N. C., said that Brantley would be remembered particularly for

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\$160,000 For Relief In '70 Set By BWA

WASHINGTON — A theology student at the Baptist School in Cap Haitien, Haiti, recently wrote the Baptist Federation of Canada that he needed a bicycle.

He said that he daily walked six miles to school after completing his morning chores, then he walked the same six miles back home after attending classes and studying at the school library. He was not complaining about the walk, but he needed the bicycle so as to save time for more study.

Frank H. Woyke, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, wrote the principal of the school to validate the young man's need. C. S. Kelly responded that this particular student needed the bicycle no more than eight other students. In fact, he said, eight recent graduates had even greater need for bicycles or horses to enable them to meet preaching engagements.

R. Fred Bullen, executive secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada and a member of the BWA relief committee, told the story to Canadian Baptists.

Now, at a meeting of the relief committee in Washington, Dr. Bullen reported that 17 new bicycles costing \$65 each have been sent to Cap Haitien to fill all the needs Mr. Kelly listed.

It was one of a dozen heart-warming accounts of relief activity told at a meeting of the BWA Relief Committee here. The Alliance serves as a clearing house for information on needs and the channeling of gifts.

Dr. Woyke reported to the group that a total of \$103,414 has been disbursed by his office for emergency and rehabilitation projects in 15 countries the first ten months of 1969. In addition to the bicycles, other aid to poverty-stricken and flood-plagued Haiti has provided an electric power plant for the Good Samaritan hospital at Limbe and school desks for 2000 children.

Flood relief was channeled through local Baptist groups to other homeless people in India and Brazil, food and shelter was provided for war refugees in Vietnam and Jordan, paper was furnished for the printing of hymnals in Eastern Europe, and hundreds of packages of medicine and vitamins were posted to needy Baptists in other remote areas.

"The BWA relief program is a Biblical command to bear one another's burdens," Dr. Woyke said.

"No doubt apathy has caused some of our decline. However, with the present thrust, new life and interest is evident," Harris continued.

The research and statistic department's estimated 1969 statistics revealed that a total of more than 75,000 less persons were included in the

Training Union ongoing and cumulative enrollment in 1969 than were included in 1968.

Woman's Missionary Union (organization for missionary education of women and girls) experienced a loss

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Mississippi Student Leader Honored

NASHVILLE—Four student work leaders, now serving as state student secretaries, were honored at St. Clair's Restaurant here during the recent Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference. They were recognized for having served 25 or more years in student work. Representing 115 years of service to the campus ministry, the men were awarded plaques in recognition of their work. The honorees included Rev. Ralph Winders, Mississippi Convention; J. Chester Durham, Kentucky Convention; W. F. Howard, General Convention of Texas, and Howard Rees, District of Columbia Convention. Mr. Winders (center) is seen with two other men.

Four Conferences On Drug Abuse Set For January

Rev. Phil Padgett, executive secretary, United Tennessee League, Inc., Nashville, Tenn., will be the featured speaker at the area conferences on drug abuse to be held in four churches in January, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Jackson.

This will be the first in a series of meetings sponsored by the Commission this spring. The dates are: Emmanuel Church, Grenada, Jan. 12; First Church, Ripley, Jan. 13; First Church, Raleigh, Jan. 15; and First Church, Brandon, Jan. 16.

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Insight Into ... 70's

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operational support through regular mission giving is almost an impossible dream.

Churches

We are deeply concerned in the coming decade about our churches. Many are plagued by inflation and spiralling costs. Others feel a decline in spiritual energy and the pressures of a materialistic society with its increase in leisure time manifests a decline in attendance in many areas and the statistics of the 1960s are not encouraging.

But, as we face the 70's — how can we make proper evaluations if we do not look back on the decade just closing with at least some degree of decisive review? The pastor of this church in January 1960, entitled "A Decade of Destiny" predicted that much of the trend of our nation and the tone of our spiritual lives would be set during the 1960s.

I think time has proved such to be true, but we are concerned now with the 70's and what the coming years hold for us. As we look toward a new decade, how can we measure it except in the light of the events preceding?

The Sixties

What have we experienced in the decade now coming to a close? In the 60s we have seen an increasingly fabulous standard of living accompanied by severe problems of economic inflation. We have experienced a severe increase in taxation, many of them hidden, until, I am told, we pay more than 40 per cent of what we earn in taxes.

Communication

We have been witnesses and participants in civilization's most dramatic achievements in communication. Perhaps the climax, thus far, was when we sat before the television tube on a recent Sunday night and saw and heard men walking on the moon! We must remember that, in this same period, television has become a most powerful instrument in shaping the attitudes of people, affording immeasurable benefits, but at the same time bringing unforeseen problems. In the remotest area, in the mountains, the desert — even in the midst of squalor and poverty, individuals who have never been 40 miles from where they were born now look upon an electronic tube and see fighting in Viet Nam, the latest fashions from Paris, or China's masses marching under banners of red. Because the unusual is news, many are duped into believing that revolt, rebellion, defiance and protest are characteristic of today's generation. But, along with these, television — and radio — are being utilized to proclaim the message of Christ and the realities of the spiritual.

Transportation

How can we evaluate the achievements in transportation in the 60's? The speed of transportation has not been signally stepped up, but the passenger load has skyrocketed! Fewer and fewer passenger trains operate — busses seem to hold their own — the automobile threatens our highway and parking systems, but air travel zooms! The giant transport, carrying up to 500 passengers, and travelling at the speed of sound, has become a reality in this decade!

Science

One forgets his vocabulary and stands in utter bewilderment when one contemplates the achievements in the realm of science during these ten years! The discoveries made, the inventions brought to light, the miracles wrought in these years scarcely can be catalogued!

In the realm of medicine, for example, think what the 60's have witnessed! Organ transplants, pioneering in which much was initiated here in our own State by the staff of our University Medical School; cardiac surgery; dacron artery implants; the artificial kidney; blood work for infants before birth; miracles in bone work and brain surgery; discoveries of new drugs and medicines; improvements in X-ray and cobalt therapy; these are but a few of the marvels of the 60s about which the layman knows. It is no wonder that men in the medical field say that as much has been learned and accomplished in these last 10 years as in the 25 years preceding!

The decade just closing has been one of transition from the nuclear age to the space age! Children in our homes, ten years of age and under, have never known anything but the rocket, the lift-off, trajectory, orbit, re-entry, and splash-down! New frontiers have been lifted from earth to the limitless of the universe!

Social Issues

The past ten years have seen the dramatic and forceful rise to recognition the minority groups in our nation. Indeed, without debating the question of personal rights for all men, we now have come to a time when, it appears without question, 10 per cent of our total population forces its will and demand on the majority of the nation. Both political parties in

this country, in the judgment of many thoughtful students, in their endeavors to win over minority votes seem to have slighted the rights and liberties of the unvocal majority. Our social order has undergone vast social change — much of it good — but the pitting of one segment of our people against another can forebode nothing but trouble.

Living

The mere matter of living has been vastly altered in the 60's. The life span has been lengthened; more older people are presenting problems incident to their dependence on others for housing and care; earlier retirement for many produces material and emotional problems for all people; medicare and medicaid have emerged to be of superb help to millions, but the tax cost has yet to be realized. The segment of our nation under 30 years of age has risen phenomenally in this decade and the oft-discussed "generation gap" is a trite description of the fears, the frustrations, the bewilderments, and the longings of the children that have become youths in this decade.

Revolt and Rebellion

The 60's have been characterized by another development that is disturbing and sinister. It is the spirit of revolt and rebellion. Authority anywhere — in the home, the school, the university, the armed forces, the community, or the courts — has been challenged, and the incidence of crime has skyrocketed! Open defiance, rebellion, and denunciation of all discipline mark huge segments of our people. We have seen the rise of the "hippie," the "beatnik," the "peacenik," and the demonstrator. In some areas, even during the last few months, we have become aware of the self-confessed revolutionary whose avowed purpose is the destruction of "the establishment" and the eradication of all semblance of law and order.

Tragically, also, this ten year period has seen the horrible upsurge of narcotic addiction. Marijuana, or "pot"; LSD; even Heroin have enslaved thousands of young people. So widespread has the use of drugs become that users now are protesting against all laws of control and are demanding that it become legal!

In this decade we have seen such a sexual binge that modesty has been cast aside by many and all standards of personal morality have been discarded by some! For many premarital indulgence is the "in" thing and chastity and virginity for the young are looked upon by much of today's world as relics of a puritanical past! The stage and screen have been allowed to portray nudity, perversion, incest, and sexuality to such a degree that a modest person — man or woman — wretches when witnessing what takes place.

Leisure

The 60s have witnessed a great increase in leisure time. The shortening work-week; the closing of many offices and businesses from Friday noon till Monday morning affords to millions the opportunity to spend two and a half days entirely upon themselves. To many this is a boon — to many others, a snare. Nationally, Sunday has become a holiday, church attendance suffers, Bible Schools are declining in attendance, and the spiritual temperature of many is declining. Many nominal church members, perhaps unconsciously seeking to justify their indifference and non-participation, accuse the church as being "non-relevant" in our time. And, it is perhaps significant, as much of our nation has become more affluent and possessed of increased time for themselves, it has had its sense of patriotism dimmed and its indifference to communism increased.

The Seventies

How shall we contemplate the 70's? First of all, my brethren, I look forward to them! I am not scared! I am not distressed! I'm not willing yet to strike my flag. I'm not willing to say, "I face them with pessimism and with failure." I, as one Christian along with you, look forward to the 70's, not as a decade that marks our dismal doom but one providing Christianity, and I think Mississippi Baptists, with the greatest opportunity we have had in this twentieth century. We have our problems. We have our almost insurmountable difficulties. We have our question marks. Certainly we do, and it is a decade that is going to try men's souls. But along with it, I think it is going to be for you and me that time that can produce within us the most virile, the greatest, the most marvelous, the most stupendous Christianity that we have ever experienced in all our lives!

The Nation

How do I think the 70's shape up? If I were to express a simple opinion I would say that politically there will probably be the rise of a great group of our citizens, whether called by a separate party name or not, but a great group of American citizens that believe in thrift, in work, in patriotism, in godliness, and in purity of government, to become a powerful force in government. They just haven't been heard from much in the last

ten years. I believe it is a decade that will see the impact of the young voter, and when we look about us and see the demonstrators, the long haired and the bathless, the peacenik and the beatnik; we are liable to say "The world is gone to hell." I do not believe it, for these still are but a small minority of the great group of youth in America who still have convictions and who, thank God, still have marvelous possibilities. They are in our churches. They are in our cities. They are in our communities. And because the minority makes the headlines, do not mark all young people with that same kind of label. In the decade of the 70's my feeling is that there will be many young people who will come out of some of this era with the sobering and the steady-ing of years and experience will be part of a new direction and a new destiny in our governmental procedures.

Economically

In the 70's, economically, I hope and pray God that we may not have a depression. Brethren, I lived through one. Some of you did. I remember the depression. I remember one Christmas — I will never be able to forget it — when, if some blessed woman in one of the churches in Long Run Association hadn't brought a big Christmas basket and left it at our door on the day before Christmas Eve, we wouldn't have had a y Holiday dinner. I know what the depression is and I pray God that we will not face one. But my belief is that somehow, with all the monetary and banking controls that we have for our protection, in all likelihood in the decade of the 70's we will see a continuing inflation whether we like it or not.

Automation

I see the tremendous impact of automation, but instead of being a dread monster threatening to pounce upon us to strangle out our lives, I think we will discover, when once we learn how to manipulate the controls, that it will be a boon and a blessing to all of us. I see the length of the work-week shortening until increasingly in the 70's there will be more and more leisure which will be increasingly both a problem and an opportunity to our churches.

I see a greater productivity for world need and consumption, and when I read the dire predictions of some economists that in 10 years the world will be starving to death, I don't believe it. For with the blessings God has given to our agriculturists, our farmers, and our producers of food, I think that in this decade we will not only feed ourselves but we increasingly will be feeding the world.

Militarily

I think that in this decade gradually we will be disentangled militarily and I hope and pray God it may be with the honor and justice of a peace with which we are not ashamed. In this decade my judgment is that we will come to a lessening of our military outlay and a more sensible utilization of our tax dollar. I see along with you in the economic picture of the 70's the sword of Damocles still hanging by hair, so if we do not learn how to control nuclear fission, it is possible that some mad man could trigger an explosion that within minutes would wipe this world out of the universe.

Scientifically

The decade of the 70's scientifically, I shall not dwell on because you can see the undreamed of discoveries in chemistry, physics, biology, medicine, architecture, engineering — in everything that we have. Speeds will be broken, space efforts will be continued, communication will become individual and personal. It will come to the place in the decade of the 70's, I predict, that you dare not answer the telephone in your home unless you are fully dressed, because on each little set will be a tiny viewing mirror and we will have instant sight as well as sound. Scientifically I wouldn't be surprised if in the 70's every individual is not given a tattooed number — it may be his social security number — and it may have alone with it whether or not he is allergic to penicillin or is a diabetic, or a medical problem. In case of accident or emergency an instantaneous glance would let the physician know what kind of a patient he has.

We will discover new food sources. I know some people who enjoy eating sunflower seeds now. I thought they were good only for redbirds but a lot of folks eat them and love them. Have you ever tasted one? They're pretty good. We will discover new sources of food of which we do not now dream.

There will be new utilization of nuclear energy and the critical sources of electric power in many areas in the decade of the 70's easily can be supplemented. Brother McKaigney, with apologies to Mississippi Power and Light, and I wouldn't at all be surprised if you and Baxter Wilson haven't got some nuclear plans up in your brain now.

Educationally

What happens in the 70's educationally? Don't hold me to these, but this

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"He Saith To The Snow, Be Thou On The Earth"

"God thundereth marvelously with his voice; great things doeth he which we cannot comprehend. For he saith to the snow, be thou on earth; likewise

to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength." (Job 37:5, 6.) The above picture was made in Fairfax, Vermont.—Home Board Photo.

seems now to me to be a pertinent observation. In the 70's education more and more will be subsidized and supported and paid for by the government, whether we like it or not. It will become increasingly expensive, far more so than it is now. I wouldn't be surprised if in the decade of the 70's there isn't a rise of a "blue collar" system of education. Education for men and women who need to learn how to produce with their hands, who may not have IQs high enough to graduate from the university. Well, my soul, some of you now have children and grandchildren trying to get into college, and they have to pass more examinations to get in school than most of us had to pass when we got out. Along with that there is the grave possibility, God forbid, that there may be developed a great class or caste distinction between the white collar students and the blue collar students. That must be carefully thought through by our educators. Do not hold me to this but this is as I see it now. I'm afraid that in the decade of the 70's there will be an upsurge of the church-related schools, with an ever increasing problem of financing them.

Socially

Socially, what do the 70's hold? I think it unquestionably holds the continuation of our ethnic and racial trends whether we like it or not. But I think there is increasingly a demand that individuals may be given the inherent right of personal choice. We are getting a little weary of being made a mere copy of everybody else. I'm sure we do not see much decrease in the welfare system. But I could hope and pray (and I think there are a few signs on the horizon that it may come about) that there will be put again a premium upon work and thrift, industry, responsibility, and personal decency. I wish all over our land men and women could learn again to repeat one of the commandments, "Thou shalt remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," but, to remember also that it says, "six days shalt thou labor." I think God has never put yet any moratorium on the responsibility of work. I think there will be a continued drift toward socialism — as much as I regret it — but it is almost inevitable.

Morally

Morally, what do the 70's hold? I may be as wrong as I can be, and you may not agree with me at all, but, I believe, as the 70's come, we may have turned the corner on our moral conduct. Disobedience, disrespect for law and order — defiance, and rebellion — have just about gotten the American people stirred up to a toleration point. Crime in the streets and in the homes — sexuality, perversion, pornography, impurity, indecency, lewdness, self-indulgence — have just about made us sick enough to gag, and maybe if we can get a little sicker, we may begin to feel a little better. I think in the 70's there is a possibility that the new morality may die of suicide.

Religiously

Religiously, what can we see? I

hope and pray that there will be a gradual but definite return to a confidence in Holy Scripture as the Word of God. I believe in the 70's there may come a resurgence of gospel emphasis in the churches of our evangelical denominations. I believe in the 70's there will be a marriage between faith and work and neither will outdo or neglect the other. There may be in the 70's sometime a congregational confrontation of beliefs. I'm not trying to be a Criswell — bless his heart. I couldn't if I wanted to, but I tell you one thing, if I get to the place where I can't say to Larry Rohman, my pastor, and the deacons and brethren in this church where I have been for a quarter of a century — if I no longer can say, "Brethren, I believe as you do, think as you do, and have fellowship with you," I'm not going to tear them down from without. I'm going to get out and join my own gang.

I think in the 70's there's going to be a lessening of our trend toward ecumenicism. But at the same time, there is going to be, in my humble judgment, a deepening of our fellowship and relationship with fellow Christians, none of whom are interested in an ecumenical pattern of dogoodism, but who share together the simple tenets of the fact that we are all sinners saved by grace alone.

Churches

Ecclesiastically, I would suggest that the 70's may hold for us a lot of changes in our forms in our churches. Over in Indonesia two or three weeks ago, right on the equator, I went to Sunday school at 8:30 in the morning, and morning worship at 8:00. You may be having evening worship on Wednesday instead of Sunday. You may be doing a lot of things different, but if it's heeded, and will reach people, why keep an hour sacred, simply because we've had it the last hundred years? I think there will be a resurgence of Bible study, because, beloved and dear friends, this old state of ours and this nation have literally millions who are hungry for the knowledge of the Word of God. The pity of it is so many of us have Sunday school teachers that piddle around on Sunday morning and never teach the Word of God. Wait a minute! There may be a lot of us preachers who, late on Saturday night, get a canned sermon from Norman Vincent Peale on the spirit of living and use it instead of proclaiming the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ in our pulpits on Sunday morning. There is going to be, in my judgment, inevitably and necessarily a greater participation and utilization of young people in the work of our churches because they are committed — many of them — to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Witnessing

I believe there will be a new development in personal witnessing — in training people to do personal soul winning. The day of having a revival meeting and expecting a sinner to come has almost gone. I have been in revival meetings in some of your

churches. We preached all week and there wasn't an unsaved person in the congregation all week. I think there is going to be a deep personalizing of missions in which the individual Christian in our churches will get to know something personally of the experience of being a missionary whether it's across the street, in Gaza, in Bangkok, in Sumatra, or in Brazil. I think the 70's for our churches will hold transformation in our business procedures. Why I would not at all be surprised within ten years to see that in a city or an association one small computer operation would take care of the bookkeeping and record keeping of all of our churches, doing it more nearly correctly and at less expense than what we are doing now.

Baptists

I have spoken too long. What about us in the 70's? My brethren, we do not fear, because our resources are not manmade, they are divine. Our God has matched us with this hour. Changes are inevitable. Our opportunities are unlimited. Our dedication will be tested, and the only limitation is within ourselves. Something basic, my brethren, must transpire. All these brethren have presented tonight in the preceding hour is needful and helpful and will make easier our task, but, in meeting after meeting together in the building across the way, we have talked about it, and we are all agreed that until something spiritual happens to our people in our churches, none of our efforts and none of our procedures will solve our problems or magnify our opportunities.

Personal Note

I've been talking about the 70's. I don't know whether God is going to give us ten more years or not. You don't either. There are some of you who earnestly believe that God has almost reached the midnight note when time shall end and the consummation of this age shall come. Indeed, the Lord may come back before morning! I do not know. But I have a feeling that we all are agreed also that our Lord tells us to watch, and be faithful, whether he comes tomorrow, or at the end of the decade, or whenever. But, assuming that we have this decade ahead of us, may I suggest to you what we of your Board staff feel as the impassioned conviction of our heart. These people have worked like slaves for the last nine months. You do not know how they have worked, and how much more work there is to do. Oh, my friends, there is a pathos and a pleading and a hope and a yearning in their hearts and in mine that something different can happen in 1970. I could hope and pray that 1970 will be the year when the new decade would begin with a great spiritual awakening in the congregations of our churches and that within our memberships, beginning with the preacher and his pulpit, down to the last member there would be repentance and contrition and confession and a spirit of revival and reawakening of the church members for until God's people get right, all the programs we have will not solve our problems. All our platitudes will not insure the spiritual wealth of our nation.

Dedication

I speak for my brethren, all of them, when I suggest to you tonight in this Convention, we do not know of anything to which we could dedicate ourselves more completely than to say unto God, that, in this year of 1970, we shall inaugurate a new decade with the greatest spiritual revival within our church membership we have ever seen. The Word of God says, "If y people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Brethren, I'm not afraid of the 70's. But I could talk and plead and pray that we might get on our knees with revival fires burning in our churches, for if that does not persist, then we'll never do much for God in winning a lost world.

State Shaping 70's Conferences Ready

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- 3:00 Break
- 3:00 General Session—(Auditorium)
 - Questions, Answers and Evaluations
- 4:00 "God's Power: Our Strength for the Task"—Merrill Moore

- 4:20 Adjourn—Distribution of Expense Checks
- The Coordinated Promotion Planning Committee for Mississippi is: Edwina Robinson, Dan C. Hall, Kermit S. King, Elmer Howell, Foy Rogers and Bryant Cummings, Chairman

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Facing A New Decade

We are in a new decade, as Americans, as Baptists and as individual Christians.

God has given us the privilege of living at least in the beginning of another 10 years of history. We do not know how many of us, if any, will live through it. Many of those who started with us in the decade of the sixties, no longer are here. This should lead us to live every year, and every day, as if it were our last.

We shall make no attempt to predict what the seventies will bring to us. Others have done that in this issue of the Record. Neither shall we try to survey the ten years that are passed. That record is made and all of us who have lived through it, already know of its joys and its sorrows, its victories and its defeats.

Instead, we simply shall ask a very personal question. How shall we enter this new decade which God has given us? It is God's gift to us, and we have a responsibility to properly use it. Should we not seriously consider what we shall try to make of these coming days? How shall we live them? May I suggest just a few simple things.

1. We should enter these days in FAITH, faith in the promises of God. For the Christian, there is no dark path, which does not have the light of God shining upon it, and there is no way that does not have God's promise of companionship and blessing. We can enter this decade, even with its fears, and with its crises, without being afraid. The Bible tells us that we are to "have faith in God." Let us enter these new years with that faith, knowing that whatever comes, and whatever burden He may lay upon us, He will be with us... every day, all the way. We can take the "shield of faith" and find strength for every day, and victory in every battle.

2. We should enter this new era with COURAGE. "Be strong and of good courage," God said to Joshua. Another age gave the verses which could well be the text for this decade for every Christian. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:5-6). Darkness there may be, confusion may come, difficulty may beset, but we can be of good courage, for we are on the side of victory. God's people will triumph at last.

3. We should enter these challenging days with DEDICATION. God's clear call to all Christians

is to present their bodies, their lives, their time, their talents, their all unto Him. Never has there been a day when God needs us more. The world needs Christians, dedicated Christians now. We can be those Christians. We need to be dedicated to the churches which He has established; dedicated to the kingdom which HE is building; dedicated to the tasks which He has given. "All on the altar" for God is one of the great needs of this period late in the 20th century.

4. We should enter this decade with PURPOSE... a purpose to grow spiritually, and fulfill God's will for us in every minute that He allows us to live in this decade. Let there be purpose to be a better Christian; to pray more; to study God's Word more; to build a better Christian life; to build a better Christian home; to be a better church member and Christian.

5. We should enter with a determination to be better WITNESSES. Ye shall be my witness saith the Lord. The world needs to know our blessed Lord even as we know Him, and we are the ones to help others to know about Him. Determine to talk to someone about Christ at least once a week, or, certainly, once a month, during this decade. How much more often it actually should be. And determine also that not one year of this decade shall pass without a definite effort on your part to have led some soul to Christ. Ask God to lay some soul upon your heart, and then win that soul for Him.

6. Finally, may we determine to be better BAPTISTS during the coming decade. In this day of religious liberalism ("having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.") and of compromising ecumenicism, God needs someone to stand for His truths and deliver His message. It is our opinion that God could use Southern Baptists in a mighty way in the 70's if we do put ourselves completely in His hands, allow the Holy Spirit to fill and lead us, and then become the flaming, denominational and church witnesses which He wants. Let us determine to be that, and dedicate ourselves to that, and God may use us to "shape the seventies." We shall have little effect on the new decade if we simply fall in line with what some other denominations are doing and seek to move in our own strength.

These are our thoughts of some of the things we can do as we enter this critical period in history. Perhaps they are nothing more than some new year's resolutions, that we soon shall forget. I pray that it may not be so, but that we can and will mean business for God in this new era.

Bible Study Week

Within the next few days or weeks, thousands of Southern Baptist Churches will lead their membership in a study of the book of James, the book chosen for this year's Southern Baptist Bible Study week.

A splendid text book has been written, as a guide for the study, and many good reference or supplementary study books are available. A new one which has just come from the press is a book of messages on James written by Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. This book is reviewed elsewhere on this page and copies may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

A splendid outline study guide has been prepared by Dr. L. E. Green of Prentiss, and copies of that may be ordered from the author at \$1.25 per copy postpaid. This guide was reviewed several weeks ago.

We would urge every church to make this study available to its members, and every individual member to attend when it is held. James is one of the most practical and richest short books in the New Testament, and deals with many of the problems of daily Christian living. All of us will be blessed by a careful study of it.

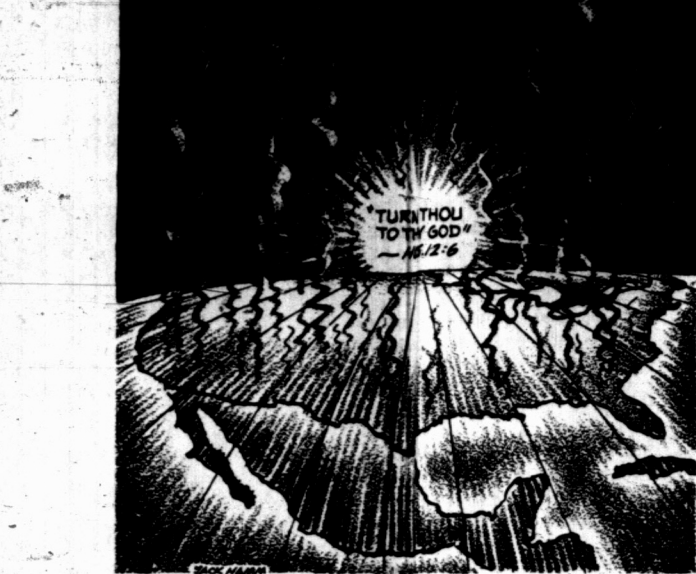
Shaping The Seventies

Southern Baptists are about to enter what will be the most monumental program of their century and a quarter of history. During this year the plans which have been made for "Shaping the Seventies" will have their beginning.

For almost the entire past decade Southern Baptist leaders, working with hundreds of pastors and church members from every area of the convention, have been studying and planning for the seventies. Now the plans for the first years have been completed, and those for the final years are in the process of completion. Next October is the starting date. At that time a new grading plan for all organizations will be inaugurated, the use of new literature will begin, and new promotional plans will be launched. A new series of new Study books will be available.

The next nine months will be the preparation period, when a state-wide training meeting will be held, associational clinics will be promoted, and finally the preparatory work will reach into the churches themselves. It is the purpose of leaders, to provide information and inspiration, for every church in the convention.

While some may be inclined to question the new programs, because they are new, actually, a careful examination reveals that many of the things which are being done, are just the old principles which have worked for Southern Baptists for a long time, being presented in a new format, and adapted to modern life. Their purpose is to reach people for Christ. If there is any case where proven principles have been abandoned, we are of the opinion that the churches will reject that section, or adapt



NEWEST BOOKS

JAMES — A PRIMER FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING by Earl Kelly (Craig, 282 pp., paper, \$3.95).

Mississippi's own well known Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, writes one of the most comprehensive and satisfying books on the book of James that we have seen. Here are 33 sermons which cover every verse, yes, every word of this important New Testament book. The presentation is, different from an ordinary commentary in that it does not simply have running comments. Instead, each verse, or group of related verses, is covered in a stirring message, which not only searches out the clear meaning of the passage, but also applies it to modern living. As an outstanding Bible scholar, Dr. Kelly reveals an intimate knowledge of commentaries and books, old and new, and use them to bring light on the meaning of the passages. He is familiar with the original language, and with scholars through the centuries who have written about the book, or on the subjects discussed. All of this is developed under clear outline, and with precise interpretation, illuminating explanation, and apt illustration. Both the scholar and the average reader will find riches here, and as preachers read they will find themselves being primed to preach. Your library on James will be incomplete without this new work.

PROPHETIC TRUTH UNFOLDING TODAY, Edited by Charles L. Feinberg (Revell, 160 pp., \$3.95).

Messages delivered at the Fifth Congress on Prophecy, sponsored by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., in the New York Area. Seventeen messages by eight well known Bible scholars are included. Subjects include the Church, Israel, Prophecy Today, The Second Coming, The Future, etc. Warm, stirring, Spirit filled messages, from men who know God's Word, and have seriously studied its meaning for our times.

REPORT FROM ISRAEL by Arnold Forster (Anti-Defamation League, 60 pp., paper, \$1.25).

The author is an attorney, author of many books, and is General Counsel for and an active leader in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. During the summers of 1967 and 1968 he toured the Middle East to observe first-hand the Israel-Arab situation. In these pages he gives a report of what he found: the political picture; the terrorism and its causes; the feelings of people in the occupied areas; the situation in United Jerusalem; and the efforts of the Israel people to really solve the problems, and to meet the needs of all the people, Jews, Arabs, Christians and others in the land. An unprejudiced report on the actual situation in the land today.

CHRISTMAS, A PICTORIAL FILM-GRIMACE by Pierre Benoit, Senior Editor, and others. (Abingdon, 124 pp., \$7.95).

The editors have chosen pictures of places and paintings which, along with well written text, depict the story of the birth of our Lord. After chapters telling the history of the Christmas celebration, and archeological findings concerning the places related to the birth of Christ, the story of each event in the holy narrative is given with photographs of the places, and the shrines, and also reproductions, many in color, of great paintings which have been used to present the scenes and events. Here the story begins with the annunciation at Nazareth, and then proceeds to the annunciation, the Magnificat, the birth of John, the Birth of Jesus, the City of David, the Grotto, The Shepherds, the Magi, the presentation at the Temple, the Flight to Egypt, the innocents, and finally the return to Nazareth. Many striking photographs and paintings, are included, many in full color. An unusual pilgrimage to the actual scenes of the Christmas story.

ROGET'S INTERNATIONAL THESAURUS AND VOCABULARY BUILDER (Thomas Y. Crowell, Third Edition, Volume I, 657 pp.; Volume II, 1258 pp.; Volume III, 435 pp. Available from Career Institute, 555 E. Lange St., Mundelein, Illinois, 60060.)

A complete three-volume word reference set, to help the speaker or writer express himself more effectively. Volume One, "English Words and Phrases," contains over 240,000 words and phrases arranged by categories. Volume Two is an alphabetical index for instant finding of any word category. Volume Three, "The Vocabulary Builder," is a comprehensive guide to the proper use of words and the method of expanding vocabulary. It carries articles such as "How to Increase Your Vocabulary with Wordplay," "How to Choose and Use a Dictionary," "How to Analyze Words on the Air," "How to Learn 5000 New Words from 100 Latin and Greek Roots," and so on. The original third volume by S. Stephenson Smith was revised by Herbert B. Greenhouse.

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

One billion human beings are being added to the world's population every 15 years. The rate of population growth is about 30 times the average growth rate from the birth of Christ to A.D. 1650. These figures were cited in a report recently released by the federal council for science and technology. It has been estimated that there have been about 77 billion births since the stone age. That means, says Walter E. Howard of the University of California at Davis, that one out of every 22 persons born since the Stone Age "is alive today." In 30 to 40 years, if the population expansion isn't slowed, one of every 10 persons ever born will be living then.

Dr. Roger O. Egeberg of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare says that by A.D. 2000 it may be necessary to build a new city every six months to accommodate the U. S. population increase. If Dr. Charles Westoff of Princeton University is right, "unwanted births" account for a third to a half of this country's population growth in recent years. And if it is important to cut down the U. S. rate of population growth, "the first order of business," according to Westoff, should be an effort to reduce "the incidence of unwanted children." (The Nashville Banner, 11-27-69)

are able to "shape the seventies," instead of their "shaping us," then we will thank God. If they do not work, we can abandon them and turn to something that will.

Long ago, a congressman was asked where he went on week-ends in the midst of highly controversial issues. In his reply, he indicated that on those week-end-trips he returned to the village in which his devout mother lived, and that he spent twenty-four hours of walking, talking, sitting, and praying with this godly woman. He said that, though he did not normally discuss the congressional issues with her, the basic honesty of her life and her unflinching devotion to righteousness did something to his mind and heart which refocused his thinking and sharpened his convictions. Afterward, he returned to Washington and to the congressional battles, confident and convincing. Therefore, he never "lost his way."

Many Christians have followed a similar formula: when they feel themselves becoming confused by their materialistic world, they have "come back to their Heavenly Father" for special times of fellowship, thought, Bible study, and prayer.

Some become confused in the matter of God's will for their lives: what, where, how. Others become confused in their thinking concerning love, marriage, and the rearing of children: the world around them says one thing, but "something in their hearts" says the opposite. Still others become confused in ethical principles: what is declared right by many of their associates doesn't agree with what God's Word says.

In the "coming back to God for refocusing," some take off a day or week to get the signals clear again through a concentrated time of fellowship with God. Some times, groups of men or women go away to a one or two day retreat to think, pray, share, discuss. Some take a part of vacation periods for a refocusing — even if they are not aware of any immediate problem. Still others use the special weeks of study and devotional meetings planned by their churches as their times of "return and renewal."

But, come to think of it, all of us can have a daily return and refocusing if we allow sufficient time in our schedules for Bible study, meditation, and prayer. This daily renewal will insure our stepping forth into the day's responsibilities and associations with clear convictions, adequate courage, and compassionate spirit.

THE YEAR IS JUST BEGINNING. WHY NOT PLAN A TIME OF RETURN, RENEWAL, AND REFOCUSING IN SOME SPECIAL WAY... AND ENJOY THE "ECHO" OF THAT RETURN IN FAITHFUL DAILY DEVOTIONAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

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Baptist Student Program

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education Commission, which serves the 73 Baptist higher education institutions throughout the nation.

Though the committee split 16 to 14 on its first vote, it voted 18-0 (one abstention) to "implement the majority decision" by spelling out in board terms the structure and relationship changes they felt should be made at the Sunday School Board student department.

The committee recommended that the Sunday School Board be instructed to create a new staff organizational arrangement within its structure, such as a division, a commission on campus ministries, or other separate entity with a unique relationship.

This recommendation was made, according to committee action, "so as to (1) encourage responsible creativity by personnel, (2) simplify administrative procedures, (3) provide a clearer national identity, and (4) accelerate the publishing, printing and distribution schedules so that materials can be relevant."

Three other recommendations were made to the Sunday School Board, one to the Home Mission Board, and four to the SBC Executive Committee, all aimed generally at coordinating and improving the national program of SBC student work.

Specifically, the Sunday School Board was further requested by the committee to provide sufficient funds for student work, to change its formula for appropriations to state conventions to increase financial aid going to newer convention areas, and to review carefully all of the work and material of the student work study committee.

The Home Mission Board was requested by the committee to help support financially student workers in the states under supervision of state student directors, and that all of the Home Mission Board's student work activities be coordinated by the national student work office.

The SBC Executive Committee was asked to establish a student work advisory committee to correlated and coordinate all SBC student work, to continue to study the student work program, to review in 1972 the degree of implementation of the proposals made by the student work study committee, and finally to work with the agencies involved in adjusting their program statements in keeping with the approved recommendations.

Jackson pointed out that none of Specifically, the Sunday School Board would take effect unless the full Executive Committee approved them, and the convention in Denver adopted the proposals.

Sent to the Executive Committee members, along with the list of recommendations, was a two-page outline of problems facing the national program of SBC student work, and four-page list of arguments for and against each of the five options considered by the committee as possible structural change recommendations to solve the problems.

19 Problems Listed
A total of 19 different problems were listed by the committee facing the national student work program. Included among the 19 were such items as:

—The national program has failed to keep current and relevant.

—The national program has been slow to develop imaginative materials, and the production of the materials produced has been slow and cumbersome.

—There has been a misunderstanding of how local churches are related to the campus BSU (Baptist Student Union) program.

—There has been a misunderstanding of how the BSU is related to other program organizations, such as Sunday School and church training.

—There is overlapping of programs, since many SBC agencies, including the Sunday School Board, the Home Mission Board, the Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and Foreign Mission Board are involved in student work.

—The national program does not have a comprehensive strategy for a ministry to the predominantly black campus, or to thousands of international students.

—Since the student department is one of the many within the education division of the Sunday School Board, the national (BSU) program lacks a clear image and identity. The student department is often emmeshed in time-consuming staff meetings and procedures in having to relate to other departments. Agency responsibilities related to the parent division requires too much energy and time of the department staff.

—Many campus and state leaders feel that due to these (above) restrictions the national staff has not been as collectively dynamic or as individually diverse to meet the needs.

—There has been a breakdown in communication from the national offices to state and campus offices and campus pastors, and vice versa.

Jackson, chairman of the committee, said that the 39 members had comprised "an exceptionally fine committee." The group included several members of the SBC Executive Committee, several state and campus Baptist student work directors, several convention executives, several college and university students and faculty members, and SBC pastors.

Jackson said that the committee constantly kept its purpose in mind: "To make a full assessment of the challenges and opportunities of Baptist student work, to provide a description of the purposes, functions and relationships of the national program of student work, and to propose possible agency alignments of a national program of student work."

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SBC Enters Space Age—The 70's

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The big question always is, "How shall these objectives be implemented?" Ultimately, of course, they must be accomplished through the churches. But to do this we must have correlation of the total denominational effort. The most extensive promotion plan ever devised by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention has been put together to try to achieve all these objectives. The 70's Promoting Plan is threefold:

1. A Shaping the 70's conference in every state convention.
 2. A Shaping the 70's clinic in every association.
 3. A Shaping the 70's preparation period in every church.
- In the state conferences we expect to train over 10,000 people. In the associational clinics we expect to train over 250,000 people. In the churches,

during the preparation period, we expect to involve over 1,000,000 people. What are the purposes of such a promotion plan? Let's look at them.

The Purpose Is One of Information
There is a whole body of information which must be imparted. This body of information has to do with all the changes projected by the denomination for the total ministry of the church. It must be considered by the professional and lay leadership within the church. This information has to do with many things:

1. What will life be like in the 70's?
2. What are kinds of new opportunities for the church in the 70's?
3. What has the church said to the denomination in the 70 Onward studies?
4. What does it mean to have available a correlated curriculum?
5. What does it mean to regroup

and regrade?

6. What does it mean to rename many existing periodicals and produce many new ones?
7. What does it mean to change teaching techniques?
8. What does it mean to have new learning-aids and what are they?

The Purpose Is One of Inspiration
The Shaping the 70's conferences, the associational Shaping the 70's clinics, and the church Shaping the 70's studies will have as one of their main responsibilities the job of providing the inspiration to do the job the church must do if it shapes, and is not shaped by, the 70's. These could very well be the launching platform from which a decade of the hardest hitting, most effective field service ever initiated by our denomination is

There is inspiration in unity. We are more "together" than we have ever been.
There is inspiration in commitment. We have this commitment up and down the line.
There is inspiration in purpose. We know what must happen, and we want to be used of God in fulfilling the purpose.
There is inspiration in challenge. We have the challenge issued to the primitive church and never abrogated—take the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Purpose One of Experimentation
For the first time in the history of the denomination, the environment is right for experimentation. This environment should be used to find better ways to accomplish the church tasks. We must find answers to questions raised in the work groups. We must offer solutions to problems spotlighted in these studies. Our denomination must get through to leadership that it is all right to do the different thing when it accomplishes the purpose of God through Jesus Christ more effectively.

To bring about experimentation, we must propose alternates to existing ways of doing things.

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we must encourage innovation in technique and methodology.

To bring about experimentation, we must encourage rethinking of traditional stances our churches have assumed.

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To bring about experimentation, we must report positive results which accrue from doing new things.

Purpose One of Motivation

The great motivator, to be born out of the Shaping the 70's conferences, is the freedom to move on out. Somehow we must create an atmosphere that would let us abandon, where necessary, our traditionalism—our provincialism—often our archaisms.

Purpose One of Improvement

Traditionally churches have been slow to improve their patterns of communication, methods, and techniques. We ought not ever change our faith and practice. But in other areas improvement is desperately needed.

We must improve our attitudes—attitudes about the mission of the church, her methods and organization.

We must improve our habit patterns. Habits often become ruts; ruts become graves; and graves are for the dead, not the living.

We must create a habit pattern of action. Jesus came both to do and to teach. A learning experience needs to end in action. A worship experience needs to end in action.

And so this is the purpose of the 70's Promotion Plan. We are more than mechanics. We are the called of God on mission. This is the source of our dignity. Jesus has not done one temporal thing on this earth for over nineteen hundred years, and yet many wonderful things have been done in his name for those people who call themselves Christian. We have more to work with than we have ever had and we must continue on mission now!



100 Attend Leake Deacon-Pastor Meeting

One hundred men attended the annual Leake County Deacon-Pastor banquet held December 12 at the First Church in Carthage. Top photo shows many of those present. Lower picture shows several of the leaders, from left: W. M. Bell, Lena deacon; Rev. A. A. Ward, superintendent of missions; Rev. Joe Hudson, Walnut Grove, speaker; Rev. Harold Bryson, Carthage, host pastor; Rev. Percy Cooper, Carthage, who presided, and James Thomas, Carthage layman.

Camille Response Voted Top Story

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pants; 12 state conventions support Nixon's Vietnam policy. (56 votes)

10. (Tie) U. S. Supreme Court hears arguments, Baptist briefs, on landmark church tax exemption case. Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs adopts position paper on tax exemption. Congress works on tax reforms. (55 votes)

10. (Tie) Nashville, Glorieta tax assessors seek property taxes on all Sunday School Board, Glorieta Baptist Assembly property; board appeals rulings. (55 votes)

Almost ironically, three stories during the year relating to Baptist doctrinal or biblical interpretation differences tied for fourth or ranked in the top five. One editor commented on his ballot that he would have ranked them higher if all three had been combined into one ballot entry.

There was also some overlapping

between the ranking of the top ten stories of 1969 and of 1968. A debate in the SBC over the relation between social action and evangelism was voted the second top story of 1968, and the eighth top story of 1969 when the debate subsided.

Problems of financing Baptist schools, including the question of federal aid, was ranked number one in 1966 and 1967, number four in 1968, and number six in 1969.

The Crusade of the Americas, which ranked sixth last year, was voted seventh in 1969.

The less a man knows the easier it is to convince him he knows it all.

The best way to get even is to forget.

"Be not overcome of evil; overcome evil with good."

Graham Cites Responsibility Of Southern Baptists In 70's

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ment, and all the rest that goes with the depression.

Scientific problems are causing pessimism. Learning and advancement have not brought the peace and security that we had thought, but have brought pest and war. We now have over-kill. There are 46 wars now being fought in the world according to one of our news magazines. These are Tribal wars in Africa, guerrilla wars in Latin America, a number of wars in the Middle East. The big war in Vietnam captures our attention, but 45 others wars are being fought.

Even in medicine there are problems. Medicine with all of its pills, with all of the different things that it has brought to improve our physical well being has also created LSD and the psychedelic drugs that our young people are taking today.

Military
Look at the military. President Nasser of Egypt said last week, "What was taken by force must be reclaimed by force. Bloodshed is the only solution," he said, "to the Arab-Israeli conflict." And all we need is one match in Nigeria or Southeast Asia or the Middle East and the whole world could catch on fire. Mao Tse-tung of China has said, "The only way to have world peace is by war."

The moral problem. This can be seen by just walking down a street in New York City, as I did a month ago. I had only been there four months earlier for a Crusade at Madison Square Garden, but the change in four months was astounding. Not pornography; we have to invent a new word to describe what we now see in store windows, and what is advertised that they are showing inside the movie theaters. And it is not only New York. It's coming through all the towns as moral standards are coming down.

The sociological problem, the breakdown of the home—we could mention all of these things, the race problem, the crime problem. Did you know that crime last month increased in Washington, D. C. 33 percent in one month? Almost anarchy in some parts of our great cities.

The intellectual problem. The supremacy of the absurd and the meaningless. We are now in the era of unreason in philosophy and in the arts and in literature. Or the religious crisis. Anywhere we look it's crisis and revolution and change and turmoil. Look at the Detroit conference this past week of the National Council of Churches. I take the New York Times and the Washington Post, and I take a number of out of state newspapers, and I've read their accounts. I take the Religious News Service, and I read what they have to say. The turmoil, the battling, the emotion generated, and the divisions generated in Detroit this past week threaten the very existence of the National Council of Churches. The ecumenical movement, as one of them is quot-

ed as saying, has lost its ecumenical spirit. Or consider the turmoil in the Roman Catholic Church, the revolt of the priests. Turmoil everywhere—even in the church.

But what we see today, in my judgment, is not the totality of reality. The real struggle is the unseen struggle between God and Satan. Light versus darkness is the struggle in the unseen world. The present world system of evil is based upon a cracked foundation, and it's doomed. It's under the judgment of God. The world and the lust thereof is going to pass away, but even in the old, God is doing something new. A new kingdom is being formed.—A new kingdom that will ultimately triumph—a new kingdom that will ultimately bring world peace and solve the problems that man is wrestling with that are getting out of bounds at the moment. This new kingdom that's being formed is His body—the church—and judgment is being delayed until this is fulfilled and until this new kingdom is completed.

The Church
In Matthew 16, the famous statement of our Lord, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Of course, he didn't build the church upon Peter, but we might say that Peter was the confession that Jesus Christ was the Son of the living God, and in a sense we might say that Peter was the first member of the church, and everyone that makes that confession since then is a member of His body, and as Paul explains, it's upon that foundation that the church is built. Christ is the chief cornerstone. He's the power and the force that holds the church together. Christ did not mean that the church depended on Peter. He meant that the church began with Peter and what began with Peter was the fellowship of all believers in Jesus Christ.

It is interesting to me that the word "church" is not used in Luke, Mark, and John, and only twice in Matthew, but it was something new. Jesus was not talking about a building. He was talking about a fellowship of people. A fellowship of ordinary people, and he used the word "rock." I love geology. I read a lot on geology, and archeology, and anthropology, and there are many kinds of rock, I've learned. There's igneous rock—chalk, granite, lava; metamorphic rock—marble, mica, quartz, slate; sedimentary rock—clay, coal, coral, limestone. Jesus was saying, "I'm choosing ordinary people to form something totally new—a fellowship such as the world has never known." All kinds of rock made up the body of the church.

Matthew was a publican. He belonged to the establishment. He was a collaborator with Rome. Simon was the zealot—the revolutionary, the militant, the insurrectionist. He wanted to fight now. Who but Christ could have brought them together in

the same fellowship, with the same love, and changed their lives and re-oriented them until they went out to proclaim the Gospel. In other words Jesus said, Out of this building material I'm erecting a fellowship that will penetrate the world, carry on my work, and assault the gates of hell. And you know, Jesus didn't choose a priest, he didn't have a scholar, he didn't have a man of prestige—just ordinary people like you and me—to do his work. He chose building material that was imperfect, fallible, but abundant. Just ordinary rocks, ordinary people to make up this fellowship and to do his work. They are people with ordinary problems. You and I have ordinary problems and we have ordinary faults.

Warfare

He said that the gates of hell are not going to prevail against it. Now that wasn't a symbol of defensive action. The gates of hell mean that hell itself is under attack. We are the ones doing the attacking. We are on the offensive. Hell is on the defensive. "For though we walk in the flesh," Paul said in Second Corinthians 10, "we do not war after the flesh; (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;)" Here the scripture teaches that Satan has strongholds that we are to attack. It is the only place in the New Testament where this word is used in Greek. A place of strength. A place where evil is entrenched, where it is fortified, where it is protected, and you and I see this evil entrenched everywhere. Social injustice, racism, war—all of these areas—yes, we need to be attacking poverty; we need to attack! But down in our own personal lives are also strongholds of pride, lust, greed, jealousy. Sometimes when we look at these strongholds of the Devil in our society, and sometimes when we look at the strongholds of the Devil in our lives we wring our hands and say there's nothing we can do. We feel so helpless against it. But the Scripture says we are not helpless. We're not helpless! The gates of hell shall not prevail. There is not a problem in your life that we could not defeat and solve with the power of God. Ordinary people with ordinary problems committed and surrendered to Christ, letting the Holy Spirit work through us, we can assault the strongholds of hell.

Southern Baptists
Southern Baptists have a unique position and a great responsibility in the present revolutionary situation and in the present program of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have an opportunity that many of you do not have. I have the opportunity of moving all over the world constantly meeting with all kinds of people—Episcopalian, Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of God—every kind and every description, and I think that I can see the Southern Baptist Convention a little more objectively than the average Southern Baptist, and I want to tell you, "You have something." You have something to give to the world. You have a responsibility.

Evangelism
Secondly, we have a responsibility to continue in evangelism, and I am delighted that to succeed one of the greatest secretaries of evangelism that we have ever had, Dr. C. E. Autrey, that you have brought Dr. Ben Chafin. If we ever lose our evangelistic emphasis, we are finished. One of the great things about this de-

nomination is that you are the most theologically sound of any of the major denominations. You are the most evangelistic of any of the denominations, and read the statistics, and you'll see that while others are going

ward, I believe it's because we have an authoritative message to give, and we have an evangelistic passion, and you put the two together and the strongholds of hell cannot hold out against it.

Error
First I agree with the President of this Convention when he warns us against error that could destroy us. I have never understood why when you go to Europe and see those churches empty, why we want to adopt the same message and the same theology that empties them. I've never understood that kind of thinking. Even if you're just figuring from cold business.

Here's a passage, you know, there are so many passages, but I was reading this this morning, the words of our Lord to the church at Pergamos: "These words are spoken by him who has the sharp two edged sword. I know where you live. I know where Satan sits enthroned"—in other words, I know the stronghold—"I know that you hold fast to my name, and that you have never denied your faith in me even in the days when Antipas my faithful witness was martyred before your eyes in the city of Pergamos. Yet I have a few

am, the man who taught Balak how to entice the children of Israel into eating meat sacrificed to idols, and into sexual immorality. I have also against you the fact that among your number are some who hold just as closely to the teaching of the Nicolaitanes. Repent! Repent, or I will come to you quickly and make war upon them with the sword of my mouth. Let the listener hear what the Spirit says to the churches; I will give the victorious some of the hidden manna, and I will also give him a white stone with a new name written upon it which no man knows except the man who receives it."

Brethren, we have a responsibility to guard against error because one of Satan's deceptions is infiltration—to infiltrate us and to get us off course. To seven of those churches in the first century that had already gotten so far away to five of them he said, "Repent." Get right. And I believe in the history of all of our denominations and in the history of Southern Baptists there comes periods when we need to search our souls, we need to repent, we need to get right with God, and we need to be careful. The Bible is filled with warnings against false teachers that will come in among us.

Fourthly, we have a responsibility in missions. Thank God for Southern Baptists. I've had the privilege of serving on the Mission Board for six years. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life. Now Grady Wilson is on there, and I don't know what you do to them, Baker, (Dr. Cauten), but you do something. He comes back shouting and enthusiastic, and if he weren't as old as I am, he'd be volunteering to go out as a missionary. Praise God! Let's never lose it! Occupy 'til I come. Go into the whole world. Let's carry the world upon our hearts. Not just America.

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Social Action

Thirdly, we have a responsibility in social action. Too long we've allowed people to point their finger at us as evangelicals and say that we did not have social concern. In my judgment, every time that you get a man converted to Jesus Christ, that's social concern. Every time you get a family reunited that's been broken, every time you get a person to Christ and alcoholism is broken in his life, that's social passion and concern and work. But today we are living in a very complex society, and I believe that we have a responsibility to social action tied with Christian compassion. So much of the social action today has no compassion, and the thing that the person wants in the ghetto, along with the social action, is love. He wants

Only the church can do that, and we have a responsibility to our black brothers.

Now I want to tell you something. Some of the militancy that we are reading about is turning anti-Christian, and the people that are going to suffer are our black Christians who are standing for Christ and who desperately need your love and your fellowship right now. That's why I'm going to New York right this minute for a meeting on that very subject. A new York pastor who has one of the great churches of Harlem called me into his study sometime ago and said, "Brother Graham: within one year we are going to be shedding our blood in Harlem for naming the name of Jesus Christ." You're not the ones that are going to suffer. It's our black Christians, in the black community, that need our love and our fellowship and our compassion and our help right now before it's too late.

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Did you know that there are many people today that are preaching and advocating in some of our denominations—let's pull our missionaries home because the situation here is so grim we need them all home. I say

we send more of them out, we'll be much stronger at home. That is God's plan—to go to the whole world with the Gospel. God's message is "Occupy 'til I come." The world is on fire with revolution. You and I are expendable, but night is coming when we will not be able to work. The sound of music is in the air. Two bands are playing—one, dark unto death and the other, light unto life.

Cooperative Program

Southern Baptists have been committed a program and that's why from the very beginning of my ministry I have supported openly and privately the Cooperative Program of this convention. I don't believe that any denomination has ever devised a program any finer or that I can give my more enthusiastic support to than the Cooperative Program of this convention. I want part of my money, when I give it, to go to missions, part to evangelism, part to Christian education, part to the Sunday School, to all of these different agencies of

consecrated men and they have the responsibility, and if they don't place it right, God will hold them responsible, not me. But it's my job to give of my tithes and my offerings, and the slogan and the emphasis is concern for people.

Yes, I hear the music—life unto life or dark unto death—to which music do you march? Which piper do you follow? I hear the sound of music. I hear the marching feet. I see the glory light. I see a cross upon which is lifted up the Son of Man, and I hear multitudes singing from every tribe and every nation and every kindred and every people and every tongue. I don't know what they are singing, but maybe they are singing: Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah! Our God is marching on.

Let's listen to that drum beat. Let's march by that drum beat while so much of the world is marching to another drum beat. Let's listen to His drum beat. Let's march on with our concern for people through the Cooperative Program. God bless you, and thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

God's Beloved Son

By Clifton J. Allen
Matthew 3; John 1:19-36

We begin a new year, but we continue a sequence of lessons in a year-long course, "The Story of God and His People." The lessons for this quarter are Part III of this course under the general theme, "God Revealing Himself Through Jesus Christ." Our concern throughout this course is to seek a fresh discovery of the unity of the Bible and a fresh understanding of its central movement and message. Jesus Christ was and is the heart of that movement and message. Our lessons for this quarter, therefore, are designed to help us understand better what God did in and through Christ for the redemption of mankind. The lesson before us, following the two preceding introductory lessons, is about the baptism of Jesus, the act which initiated his public ministry.

The Lesson Explained JESUS' WITNESS AND DEDICATION (Matt. 3:13-15)

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus: he called people to repentance and announced the imminent appearance of the mightier one to come after him. John called the people to turn from sin to righteousness. He baptized those giving evidence of repentance and confessing their sins. Then Jesus appeared at the Jordan, asking baptism at John's hands. Why? Jesus, by receiving baptism at John's hands, related himself to the Forerunner, who was the connecting link with the past, with the covenant made with Israel, with the law and the prophets. Jesus declared that it was appropriate "to fulfill all righteousness." He thus related himself to God's righteous purpose for Israel and to the kingdom of God.

Jesus' baptism was first of all an act of witness. He was validating the message and ministry of John the Baptist. He was identifying himself

as the one announced by John, who was to baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Jesus was declaring his purpose "to fulfill all righteousness," to make real righteousness possible through raising up men from death in sin to new life in God. In the next place, Jesus' baptism was his open dedication to his divine mission—sent by the Father to "save his people from their sins." He was dedicating himself to the eternal purpose of God and the task of world redemption, whatever the cost.

THE FATHER'S WITNESS AND COMMENDATION (Matt. 3:16-17)

God the Father responded to the Son's act of dedication. He came in a special and unique visitation of his Spirit, equipping Jesus for his ministry. Thus the Father witnessed to his own involvement with the Son in his redemptive undertaking. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were one in the eternal scheme of salvation. Then the voice of the Father was heard by Jesus—and perhaps by others—saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The two elements of the commendation seem to point to Psalm 2:7 and Isaiah 42:1. Thus Jesus is declared to be the King—Messiah and the Suffering Servant. His mission will be to establish the reign of righteousness through the redemption of the cross.

JOHN'S ASSURANCE AND WITNESS (John 1:32-36)

The writer of the Fourth Gospel has preserved for us the witness of John the Baptist. God had made known to him the sign by which he would recognize the real identity of Jesus. John declares that he "was the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him." This was proof—the sign promised by God—that Jesus was indeed the mightier one, the Messiah, the one to baptize with the Holy Spirit, and this Jesus, John declared, was the Lamb of God. By his sacrifice on the cross, he paid the price of man's redemption. The assurance given to John the Baptist is confirmed to us. Jesus Christ came from heaven to save this lost world.

Rom. 1:28-2:16
By Bill Duncan

This quarter we study together one of the most interesting books of the Bible. Romans. The book was written by Paul the apostle from Corinth during a three-month stay there. Paul was writing to prepare the church for his visit, with the hope of securing support for his endeavor in the west. He was anxious to preach in the capital the glorious message of the gospel that was able to meet the needs of the human heart. So he set forth in this letter a thorough statement of the gospel. Also Paul was writing to the church at Rome asking that they pray for him during the time of peril in delivering the gift for the church at Jerusalem. The theme of the letter is Romans 1:16-17: "The man who finds life will find it through trusting God." Living Letters

Paul was a realist in that he described the evil in mankind as it really is. The moral nature of man is corrupted by the evil in his life. It is necessary for us to see that man is utterly helpless to achieve salvation in and through himself. God is against every kind of sin on the part of man. Man even resents the indictments of the conscience that tries to make known to the individual his moral accountability before God. But man, all mankind, is without excuse. Every man is faced with the fact of God, but he refuses to give God the glory, trust him as God, show reverence, or give thanks, and is unwilling to yield to him. As a result, man made a fool of himself. God gave up those who had deserted Him and left them to their own self-determination and self-destruction. Men have violated every standard of decency and restraint. God gave them up to "a reprobate mind." V. 1:28. They refused to have God in their knowledge. God gave them up to a mind that acted the fool in moral matters.

The Reprobate 1:28-32

Here we have the picture of man who has banished God out of his life and has lost not only godliness but his manhood, too. In the depth of sin they have not only lost their manhood, but have become slaves to sin. The one who is wicked is not only bad himself, but he wants everyone else to be as bad as he is. Many do not think they are really bad, but expect God to judge on the curve system.

Verse 32 truly describes the reprobates. Even though they know of God's death penalty for all these crimes, they go right ahead and do them anyway and even urge others to do so. The worst thing they do longer see or understand the consequences of their action.

2:1-16

Paul has exposed the sin of the reprobate, but there comes to his temporary meeting place for the church since November, 1966.

Sin, The Universal Malady

mind a man. This man is a reformer who has enjoyed the exposure to those sins he would not dare do. This man represents the alarms and the spirit of self-righteousness of a moralist that is quick to condemn, but eager to excuse himself. These think only how nice they are but do not look into their hearts.

This man will never be able to see himself as he really is on the inside until he meets Christ; then he will be no longer, blameless. Then the secrets of his heart will be made known before him.

We might be fooling the people, but there are closets that we do not want opened. All men will have to be judged by God. These who have made themselves moral distinctions will have greater guilt because of what they have known.

God's judgment is based upon the Truth (2-5). It rests upon what God is and what man does without thought of race or social standard. The Jews could not expect favoritism. God would sit in on judgment of them like all the rest.

The riches of God's goodness, forbearance, longsuffering in keeping with his mission of redemption through them—Jews—put greater obligation upon them. The Jews had shown contempt for the mercy, not knowing the purpose of repentance. Their hearts should have melted with Godly sorrow.

God's judgment is based upon the deeds. (6-11) The Jews wanted to be judged upon the basis of privilege, but God would not. Man is morally responsible and will be judged according to what he does "to every man according to his works." God's judgment is based on conduct. This is not a discussion of salvation. No man can ever achieve the goodness acceptable to God, apart from faith in Christ.

God's judgment is based on Light (12-16) The fact that the Gentiles do not have the law will not excuse them. They have the law of conscience. The conscience is not always a good guide, but it does speak of moral capacity responsibility. His conscience makes known that he will have to answer to God. God will judge all men according to the light which they have. Remember 1:20: "So they are without excuse." Every man has the light of some kind that speaks of God. It might be nature or something else, but it is God's light.

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Forest Drama Group: Youth Convention

Young people from Forest Church were featured in a dramatic presentation during the Mississippi Youth Convention at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, during the Christmas holidays, according to A. V. Windham, Jr., who directed the presentation. The play, "The Gift and the Glory," portrays the gospel story from

Christ's birth to crucifixion as told in modern drama. Taking part in the drama (left to right) were: Lee Dukes, Kim Redd, Richard Webb, Ginny Lee, David Madden, Phyllis Reynolds, Roy Fountain. The Forest group, one of four selected to prepare a special drama, was featured during the afternoon session on December 30.



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WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE president, J. Ralph Noonkester smiles his approval as he shows off a check for \$2000 from Sears - Roebuck Foundation. Local manager, Howard Bowie, right, made the presentation this week on the Carey campus. The money is an unrestricted gift.

The tragedy is that men reject the light they have.

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Clarke Youth Teams Entertain Children

Youth Teams of Clarke College who weekly conduct worship services in Baptist churches throughout Mississippi sponsored a Christmas party for the children on campus December 15 in the lobby of the Women's Residence Hall.

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Our goal of 100 song leaders participating in the District Festivals January 29, 30 and 31, 1970, should challenge music directors to get busy quick in setting up a song leading class or to provide individual training.

Only 46 youngsters participated in the song leading festivals in 1969 while 749 entered the place. How about it? How about it?

Mississippians Called To Church In Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Kenneth E. Walters, native of Scott County, has accepted a call to become pastor of Bicknell Avenue Church, 1703 Bicknell Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Walters has served as pastor of the historic Forks of Elkhorn Church near Frankfort, Ken-

Mississippians Break Ground In Maryland

First Baptist Church of Crofton, Maryland, held ground-breaking ceremonies for the construction of a new church building, on October 26. The pastor is Rev. Burnis Barrett, former Mississippian.

The pastor's wife, the former Clotilde Hughes, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hughes of Jackson.

is a student in the seminary in Louisville, where he will receive the Master of Divinity degree in January 1970. He graduated from Mississippi College in 1961, and taught Math at the Forest High School, Forest, until 1964, when he moved to Owingsville, Kentucky, to become missionary pastor with the Kentucky Mountain Mission Program. While teaching at Forest, he pastored his home church, Steele Church, Route 4, Forest, for one year.

He is married to the former Faye Porter, also a native of Scott County, and they have two children, Sheila and Ken.

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Names In The News

"Toward The Sunrising"

By W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

"And the children of Israel... journeyed... in the wilderness... toward the sunrising." Numbers 21:10-11

"Toward the sunrising!" How seldom do we recall that God's day begins with the evening and moves toward the sunrise. "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Gen. 1:5. Constantly, God sought to keep



Israel facing the sunrise; not the sunset! Even when human assessment decreed that His chosen people had disappeared in the sunset of slavery and oblivion there appeared a new sunrise when the "Sun of righteousness rose with healing in his wings." Mal. 4:2, and the Messiah appeared to be man's fairest hope.

"Toward the sunrising!" May God grant that it be so as we face a new year and a new decade! Sunrise is before us; a new year is but hours away. Time moves toward the day... not the night... and we well might take heart in the hope that is ahead!

At lunch today, I sat by a devout Christian; a student, a historian, a successful business man, and a realist. "The prospects for the New Year are the brightest we have had in a decade," he said. It may be that he is right. We all hope so. But, no matter what the twilight and the sunset may bring, we do face a new sunrise. A year, —and a decade, — that can afford us and all our fellow-Christians the greatest opportunity for proclaiming the Good news that we have ever experienced. Many are our present troubles and great is the dilemma facing many of our people but, somehow, we will find deliverance IF we remember that we "journey toward the sunrising", and not toward the sunset.

Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Competition has officially opened for the eighth annual Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson Scholarship Awards, and applications are now being taken by the dean of students office at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The awards are for students who will be entering the seminary in the fall of 1970.

Designed to give recognition to the most gifted and best motivated young men and women who intended to enter Southern Seminary, the scholarships provide \$1,000 to each winner. A maximum of five Rice and five Judson awards will be given.

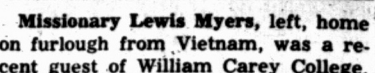
Identical in both amount and criteria by which applicants are selected, the scholarships are different only in the geographical areas where the students plan to serve after finishing their formal education. The Luther Rice awards are for those who, for the present, feel their ministry is to

Coast Guard Medal

Dr. Douglas H. McCall recently received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for his service in organizing the emergency medical and dental facilities at New Orleans for victims of Hurricane Camille. He is the son of Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary and former executive secretary of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention. The award cited his "sound judgment, high level of professional competence and unwavering devotion." Since receiving the award Lt. Commander McCall has gone into private practice as a dentist in Louisville, Ky.

be carried on in the United States. The Adoniram Judson awards are for those who currently feel their ministry is to be outside the United States. Selection will be made on the basis of churchmanship, scholarship and leadership.

Applications are due in the Dean of Students office no later than Feb. 15. Winners will be announced March 15.



Missionary Lewis Myers, left, home on furlough from Vietnam, was a recent guest of William Carey College. Mr. Myers, a native Mississippian, spoke to the student body in chapel and then enjoyed a coffee hour with faculty and staff afterwards. Shown with Myers is Dorman Laird, Carey Student Activities Director.

Rev. Archie David Fleming assumed duties on December 7 as pastor of Locust Hill Church, Sherman, Pontotoc Association.

Mrs. Ione Geiger Patterson, emerita Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, died December 13 in Atlanta, Ga., at the age of 75. She had been in declining health in recent years. A funeral for Mrs. Patterson was held December 15 in Norcross, Ga., and burial was in Madison, Ga.



Goodyear Float Judged "Best Overall"

The float which Goodyear Church entered in the annual Christmas Parade in Picayune, was awarded "Best Overall."

The theme of the parade was "An American Christmas." The Goodyear float depicted an American home on Christmas eve and carried the theme "The Christian home, the hope of the nation." The float pictured a family scene gathered in the living room, with a manger scene on the outside

Dr. Allen Webb began his tenth year as pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, in December. Members of the church gave a reception, honoring him and his family on the occasion of his anniversary as pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Ira Eavenson of Marks are home after a three-weeks stay in the Coahoma County Hospital and are continuing to improve. Both received severe back injuries on Nov. 9 when another car ran into the rear of their car on Highway 6.

James R. Devins was licensed to the gospel ministry on December 10 by East Howard Church, Biloxi. Rev. Huey L. Brock, pastor. Mr. Devins will enter the seminary upon completion of his military service. He is available for supply work and can be reached at 218 Hunter Drive, Ocean Springs, Miss. (phone 875-2024.)

Rev. Arzone Burns, pastor at Cash Church, near Lena in Scott County, for seven years, has now moved to the pastorate of the Four Mile Creek Church, Jackson County. His new address is Rt. 5, Box 94, Pascagoula 39567 (phone 475-8244 Moss Point). He began his new duties December 14.

Called To Columbus

Rev. Gwin H. Middleton, native of Eupora, and son of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Middleton, has assumed the pastorate of Calvary Church, Columbus. A graduate of Mississippi College

and New Orleans Seminary, he goes to Calvary from South Louisville Church, Louisville, where he was pastor for nearly four years. He organized Gore Springs Church in Grenada County, and served as pastor of West End Church, West Point, for seven and a half years.

He is married to the former Helen Kelly-McCool of Kosciusko. They have four children, Mrs. John Edwin Garner, Orman Beach, Florida; Cheryl, a teacher in the Leland School System; Betty, a sophomore at Mississippi State College; Tommy, a sophomore at Lee High School; and two grandchildren.

A reception was given for the new pastor and his family Sunday night, November 23, after church services.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman and Edward Wood, both members of the New Orleans Seminary Foundation, have made personal gifts of \$10,000 and \$4,000 respectively for faculty salary increase at the New Orleans Seminary during the current school year. The announcement came following a statement by Foundation president Gene A. Triggs of Yazoo City, Mississippi, that a faculty salary increase of \$20,000 was being underwritten by individual members of the Foundation, and by Foundation investment earnings.

Rev. James Goodwin of Memphis, Tenn. is the new pastor of Niland Chapel Church, Alligator, in Bolivar County. He and his wife and two young daughters are now working on the new field.

Rev. Richard H. Crapps has accepted the pastorate of Society Hill Church, Oakvale. He is currently enrolled as a third-year student at New Orleans Seminary. He attended North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S.C., and Furman University, Greenville, S.C. He is married to Joyce Wood Crapps who also attended the same institutions. Mrs. Crapps will be serving on the staff of Martin Music Library on the seminary campus, after January, 1970.



REV. AND MRS. WILMER E. BAKER who recently assumed the pastorate of the Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, were honored with a reception by the church family Sunday afternoon, December 7.

Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian, Calls Pastor

Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, has called as their new pastor, Rev. Wilmer E. Baker.

Mr. Baker was born in Atmore, Alabama. He went to Samford University, in Birmingham, and graduated with an A. B. degree. He entered the United States Marine Corps, went through Officers' Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia, and flight training at Pensacola, Florida. He received his wings in 1959.

After his discharge in 1961, he returned to Howard, where he met and subsequently married the former Mary Louise Mills of Montgomery, a graduate of Samford who received the B.M.Ed. degree. Together they went to New Orleans, where he began his seminary studies and she taught public school music. During his stay in New Orleans, he was pastor of the Lawn Haven Church in Laurel, and also continued his flying as a reservist with a jet squadron in New Orleans.

After moving to the church field in Laurel, he transferred his graduate studies to the University of Southern Mississippi and his flying to the Air National Guard in Jackson.

In 1966, he was called to the Bethel Church in Franklinton, Louisiana, where he has served as pastor, and his wife as minister of music. Having completed most of the academic work for his doctorate degree in guidance and counseling, he returned to the seminary to receive the Th.M. degree and continue working in the field of pastoral psychology and psychotherapy.

The Bakers have three children—John David, 5½; Melanie Cherele, 2; and Paul Bryan, 4 months.

Music Workshop February 2-6

Fort Worth, Texas — The eighteenth annual Church Music Workshop will be held at Southwestern Seminary, February 2-6.

The faculty will include, Harold

pedagogy; and Jimmy R. Key, children's choirs in 70's. Musical and material displays. Fees for the workshop are: \$25.00 for regular fee and \$10.00 for college and seminary students.

Associational Missions Workshop Scheduled

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Annual workshop on Associational Missions at the Southern Seminary will focus this year on Associational Administration.

The workshop will be conducted on the Southern Seminary campus Feb. 2 through 6, 1970.

Registration for the conference is \$5, payable in advance to Dr. Allen W. Graves, c/o Southern Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.

Summit Men Oppose Action Of MC Trustees

The Men's Bible Class No. One of First Church, Summit, (Russell Butler, president and J. O. Dampier, teacher) voted unanimously to send a letter to the trustees of Mississippi College.

PHW trustees in the matter of separation of church and state. The letter expressed disapproval of the trustees' action.

In part the letter stated: "Gentlemen: We address you in a less our disapproval in you as guardians of one of our denominations most cherished possessions: Mississippi College."

have sought to uphold the principle of separation of church and state. It is a basic tenet of Southern Baptist people. This basic tenet you have betrayed through acceptance of federal funds for scholarships.

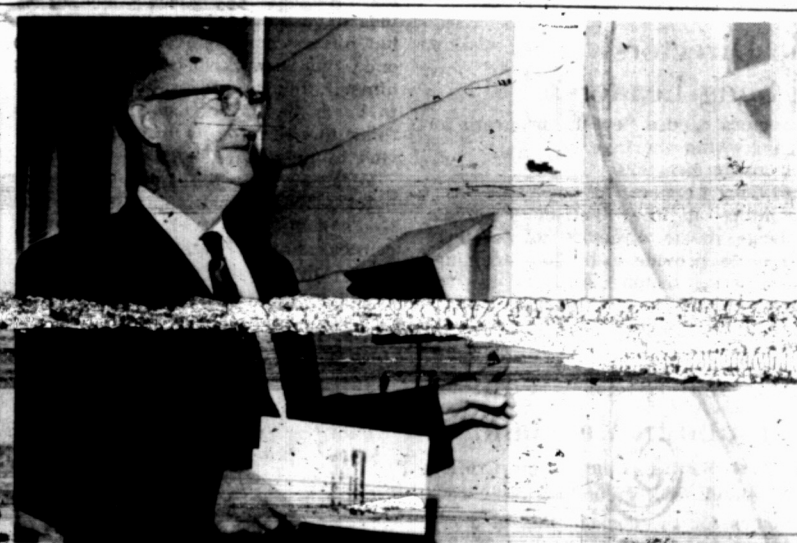
"And surely you must know, gentlemen, that we are Southern Baptist because of our belief that separation of the races is best for the growth and development of both races. And here again you have betrayed the sacred trust we gave you as trustees."

"We now urge you to rescind your recent action in accepting federal funds and restore Mississippi College to its former highly respected position."

Clarke Exceeds Lottie Moon Goal; Gives \$4100

Students, faculty members and friends met in the center of the Clarke College campus on December 17 at 11:00 p. m. to watch President W. L. Compere light the center of the star which signified that the goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering had not only been reached but exceeded. The goal was a challenging \$3770 but the offering reached \$4100 and the star was completely lighted as the group of about 300 stood in the cold night air at 11:30 p. m. singing "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, our God is marching on."

Students have earned money by raking leaves, picking up pecans, washing cars etc. and have given sacrificially from their own funds as the Spirit of Foreign Missions swept the campus again.



Still Busy 7 Years After Retirement

about seven years ago after serving more than 18 years as superintendent of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. At 72, the Mississippi native is one of the busiest retired men in Monroe. He and Mrs. Black live at 315 Morris Avenue. Mr. Black was born in Lafayette County, Miss., and as a junior boy was baptized at First Church, Oxford.

MC Appoints Director Of Development

The Mississippi College Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Dr. Shelton Hand, Jr., as director of development at the college. He has already begun work in the newly created administrative post.

A native of Hattiesburg, Hand, comes to the college from the law firm of Daniel, Coker, Horton and Dukes of Jackson and Gulfport.

The new development director is a graduate of Murrah High School in Jackson, received his bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College in 1965, and earned the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

At the Ole Miss Law School, he graduated third in his class, served as chairman of the Legal Research Bureau, served on the Moot Court Board and the Speaker's Bureau, and was the recipient of four class awards for top grades in the class.

A veteran, he spent three years in the U. S. Navy, serving aboard submarines.

He is married to the former Carolyn VanDevender of Jackson and they are parents of one daughter. They are Baptist and reside on Post Road in Clinton.

Off The Record

Losing Battle

The mother turned off the vacuum cleaner and listened. "Jimmy, what's all the racket in the kitchen?" she called.

Sometimes the typewritten blooper can be as embarrassing as the one that occurs on mike. As a case in point, take the slight error of omission made by a California station manager in his memo to the staff before going on vacation. After lengthy instructions, the memo named the staff member who could always get in touch with the station manager if necessary, then added: "But of course I don't anticipate that you will have any problems. I see no reason why things should go exactly as though I were here." — R. Dwight Wheeler, KSBW-TV, Salinas-Monterey, Calif.



Forest Church Dedicates Pastorium

On Sunday December 14, Forest Church observed a special dedication service and open house for the new pastorium. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins was speaker.

This home is located on a lot measuring 188 by 220 on Azalea Drive in the Sylvandale Subdivision. The pastorium has a total of 3482 sq. ft. in the living area, and 799 in the porch, carport and storage areas. Total cost of the home was around \$100,000 not counting the cost of the architect fees. An additional

\$1000.00 was given by the I. W. Sessions family to furnish the study and foyer with permanent furniture.

Those serving on the various committees included: Mrs. Norman Fountain, Mrs. Fred Gaddis, Mrs. James Madden, Mrs. Kermit Reynolds, Jimmy Goodwin, Jack Lee, Charles Palmer, and James Rushing. James Madden, chairman of the deacons at the time, served as ex-officio member of all committees. John Mattingly of Jackson was the architect. Rev. Frank W. Gunn and his family moved into the home on December 2.



New Missionaries Now On Their Way

THE "BIG BOARD" outside the Holiday Inn at Callaway Gardens, Ga., gave 102 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries a departing expression of blessing, one of many received from the people of Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, and surrounding communities. The missionaries completed 14 weeks of orientation at Callaway Gardens on December 11. They were leaving within a few days for 31 countries. — (Photo by W. Robert Hart)